



West Suburban Service Changes

Recommended Plan and Title VI Service Equity Analysis

Transportation Committee
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Background

- Study area west of Highway 100 including
 - St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka, Deephaven, Greenwood, Excelsior, Shorewood and Tonka Bay
- Implement recommendations of Minnetonka Transit Study to improve local service access and connectivity
- Improve productivity of express routes and reduce areas of duplication

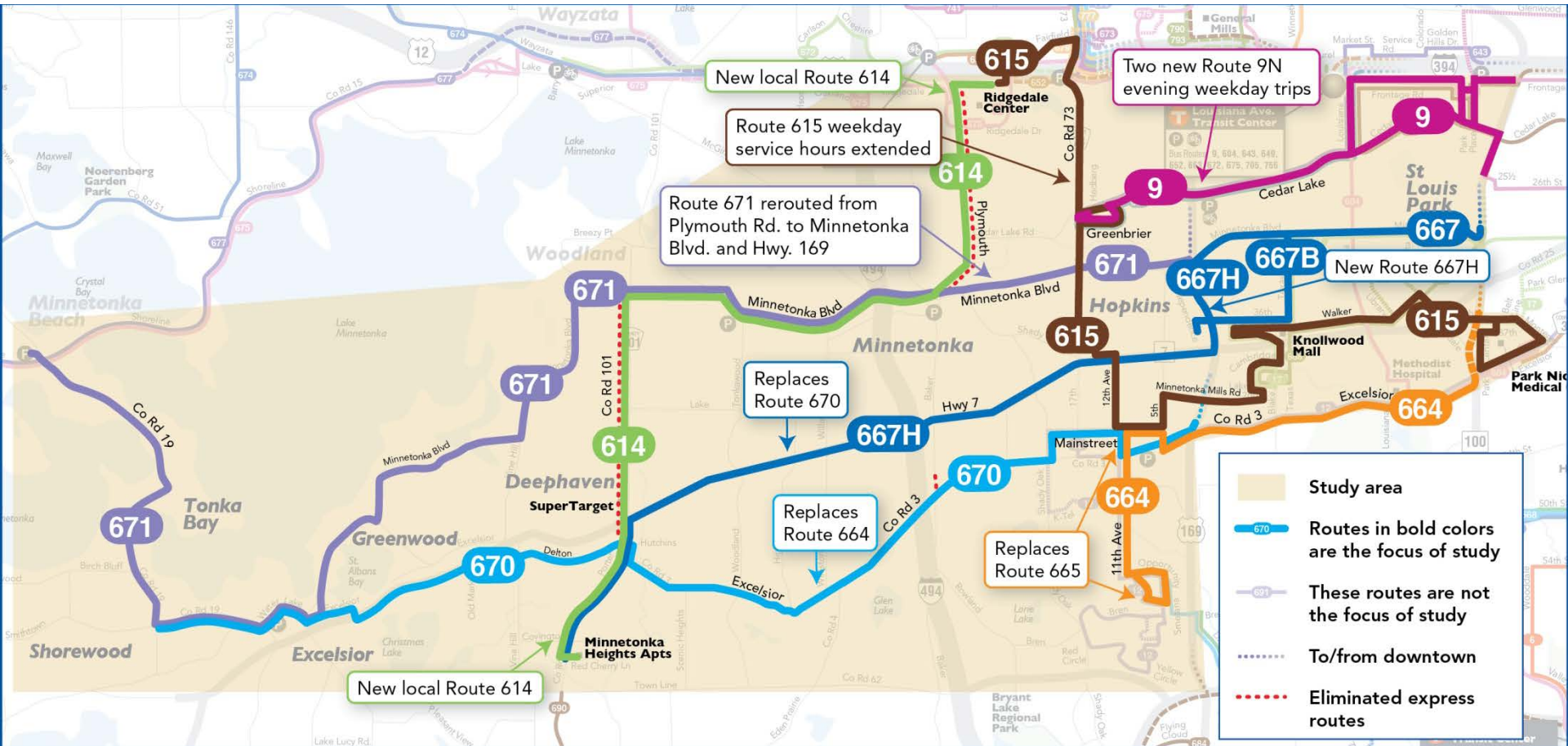
March-April 2013 Public Input Process

- Concept Plan on-line and at libraries in the study area
- Outreach strategies
 - Two public hearings in Hopkins and Minnetonka (75 people attended)
 - Rider Alerts and announcements on buses
 - Local newspapers, city newsletters and TV outlets
- 150 comments received from 110 individuals from
 - Public hearings, e-mails, Customer Relations, phone, comment cards, letters, faxes, Twitter and Facebook
- Greatest concerns
 - Proposed elimination of Highway 7 service in Minnetonka
 - Potential overloads
 - Elimination of trips serving fringe of peak period
 - Increases in travel time
- Five of eight routes in the Concept Plan have been modified in the Recommended Plan

Recommended Plan

- Local route improvements
 - Added weekday evening Route 9N trips to Greenbrier
 - Longer service day on Route 615
 - New Route 614
 - Improved access for transit-reliant residents and employees
- Recommended plan modifications
 - Maintains express service on Highway 7 and County Road 101
 - Maintains existing downtown arrival and departure times on Routes 664, 670, 671
 - Operates Route 671 express on Highway 169
 - Reduces impacts of travel time increases
- Express service consolidation
 - Five routes blended into four routes
 - Areas of overlap reduced
 - Routes have higher productivity and lower subsidy
 - Almost no abandoned segments of service
- Budget neutral

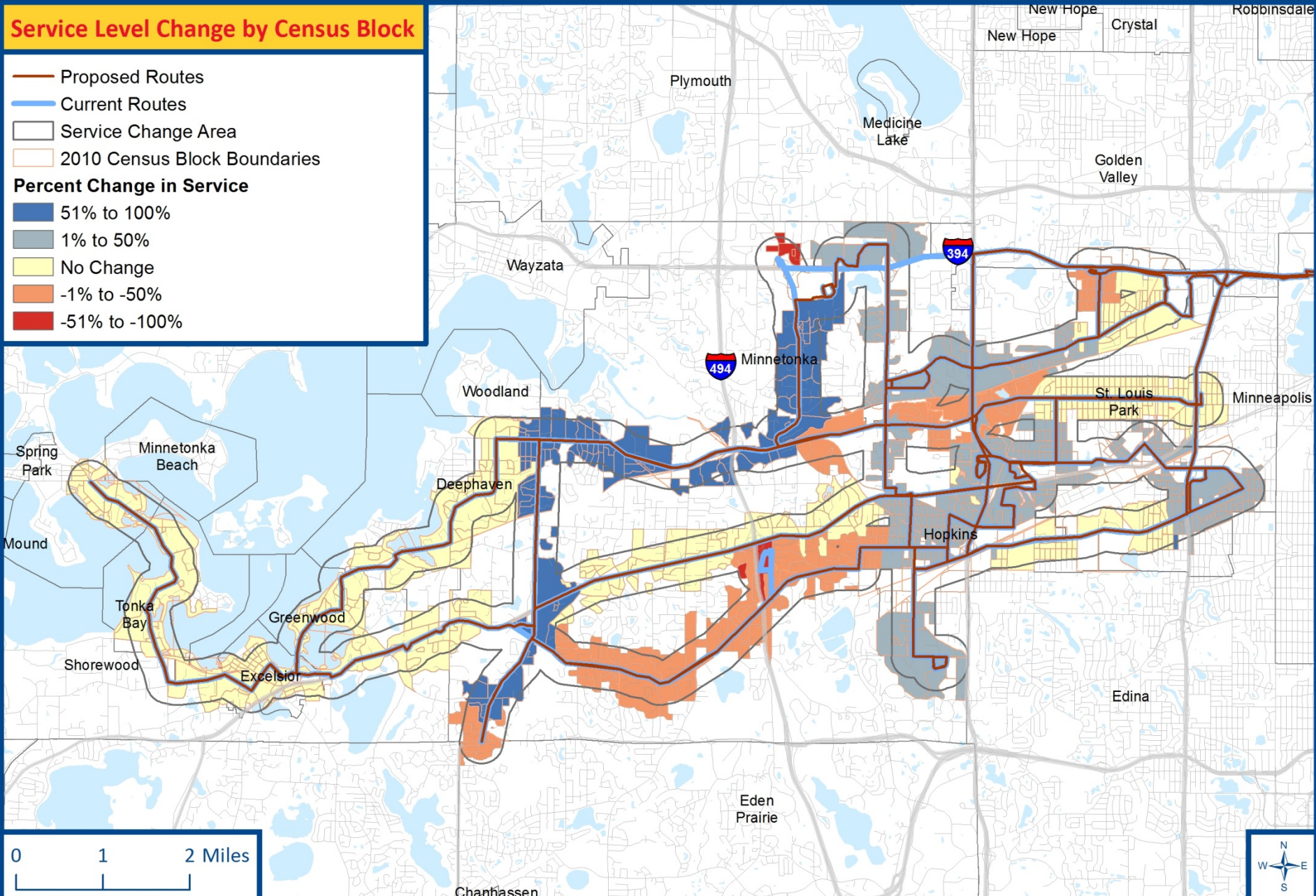
Recommended Route Network



Title VI Service Equity Analysis

Service Level Change by Census Block

- Proposed Routes
 - Current Routes
 - Service Change Area
 - 2010 Census Block Boundaries
- Percent Change in Service**
- 51% to 100%
 - 1% to 50%
 - No Change
 - 1% to -50%
 - 51% to -100%



Title VI Service Equity Analysis Results

- Overall 16.8 % increase in transit service in the study area
- No potential for disparate impact for minority populations (18.3% for minority populations, 16.5% for non-minority)
- No potential for disproportionate burden for low-income populations (14.5% for low-income populations, 17.1% for non-low income, within 4/5ths threshold)

Proposed Action

Business Item 2013-133

- That the Metropolitan Council adopt the West Suburban Service Changes Recommended Plan and approve the Title VI Service Equity Analysis
- August 24, 2013 Implementation



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